

# Tri-Party Agreement

*....a comprehensive remediation and compliance agreement*

## **Purpose**

- Defines relationships between CERCLA and RCRA regulations and commitments
- Establishes responsibilities for EPA and Ecology
- Provides a process for integrating cost, scope and schedule
- Reflects a concerted goal of achieving regulatory compliance and completing remediation, with enforceable milestones

## Tri-Party Agencies

*...roles and responsibilities*



### **U.S. Department of Energy (DOE)**

#### **Richland Operations Office**

- Lead CERCLA response agency and National Resource Trustee under Executive Order 12580
- Management of the Hanford Site
- Restoration of the Columbia River Corridor
- Transition of the Central Plateau for waste treatment and long-term storage
- Protect the Columbia River

*(Includes moving spent fuel away from the River Corridor; stabilizing plutonium; restoring land; placing reactors in safe storage; demolishing old facilities; providing site infrastructure; remediating groundwater)*

#### **Office of River Protection**

- Retrieve, treat and dispose of tank waste
- Close the tank farms and pipe transfer systems
- Protect the Columbia River



### **Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology)**

#### ***Lead regulatory oversight for the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA)***

- Tank waste treatment and storage
- Waste management activities
- Implementation of the state's cleanup regulations
- Legacy waste cleanup  
*(Including contaminated buildings, soils, and groundwater)*



### **U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)**

#### ***Lead regulatory oversight for the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA)***

- Removal and transfer of spent nuclear fuel from corroding storage pools to safer storage areas
- Implementation of Federal Environmental Cleanup regulations
- Legacy waste cleanup  
*(Including contaminated buildings, soils, and groundwater)*